

They Should Have Known: The Year of Favor

Week 2 of 3

PRAY • 2000 YEARS AGO, A BABY CAME ... WITH SIGNS

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet...

Matthew 1:22

VERSES ON THE SCREEN

If you know the prophecies, you can confidently know **J e s u s**.If you know the Jesus of the prophecies, you can **e m b r a c e** their **s i g n i f i c a n c e**.

Announcing the Year of Favor

Luke 4:14-21 (p. 713)

THIS IS A CHRISTMAS STORY • JESUS' ARRIVAL IN MINISTRY • HE FULFILLS IT!

The Bigger Picture

Isaiah 61:1-7 (p. 520)

JESUS STOPPED READING • SHOW THE VISUAL

God promised great **f a v o r** & **v e n g e a n c e**.

THE JEWISH 1,000 YEAR STRUGGLE, AND ANOTHER PROPHET WITH ANOTHER PROMISE • BUT ISAIAH MAKES IT PERSONAL WITH A SAVIOR!

Isaiah 62:11-12

The Savior would bring **r e w a r d**
and **r e c o m p e n s e**.

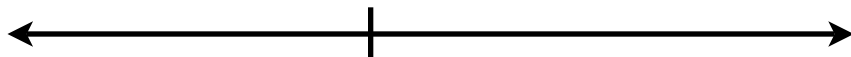
ILL: WAIT UNTIL YOUR FATHER COMES HOME! • DREAD, ANTICIPATION (ESPECIALLY WHEN SISTER...)

God's goal is not to reward people but to redeem them.
FLIP OVER TO ISAIAH 65:13-20

Isaiah 63:1-8

R e d e m p t i o n follows **v e n g e a n c e**.

SHOW NEW TIMELINE • SHOW THIRD TIMELINE • I WANT YOU TO DRAW THIS



Jesus launches the year of God's favor, but the year of redemption is only for those who make it through the day of vengeance!

REDEMPTION IS LINKED WITH JUDGMENT • THE SAVIOR WHO PROCLAIMS FAVOR AND REDEMPTION IS THE SAME ONE WHO BRINGS JUDGMENT! • HERE IS GOD'S DILEMMA (SEE VERSES)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:23

If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

Hebrews 10:26-27

THIS IS GOD'S DILEMMA EVER SINCE EDEN / DESIRE TO SAVE AND NEED FOR JUSTICE
HE DECLARES A TIME OF FAVOR / A TIME OF REDEMPTION / ONE DAY FOR VENGEANCE... CLASH!The day of vengeance **h a p p e n e d** at the **c r o s s**!*For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us...*

Romans 3:25 NLT

ILL: TESTING OUT OF THE FINAL • GET IT OVER WITH NOW... MORE VERSES ...

Take It Home:

THE TWO TIMELINES

- ▮ Pass through the **c r o s s t o d a y**.
- ▮ Pass through the **c r o s s e v e r y** day.
- ▮ Or face the day of God's **V e n g e a n c e** on your own.

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor...

Isaiah 61:1-2

For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2